

ISACA Birmingham Chapter



Quarterly ISACA Birmingham Newsletter

Fall 2011

Message from the President - Jeff Bratton

Greetings! We are excited about another year of events that began with a well-attended September meeting.

Our Board spent the summer reviewing feedback and planning how to meet your expectations for professional development, continuing education, and networking. As a result, we hope you will find expert discussion of relevant topics at our meetings, plan to attend our annual seminar in February, and join chapter conversation through our new LinkedIn group and Twitter accounts!

Thank you for your continued membership and engagement. We are fortunate to have great members, and I hope you notice new and better ways we are exploring and enhancing to provide the services you want. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event and hearing from you through whichever media you choose!

Next Meeting

When: Oct. 20, 11:30-1:00
Where: Wynfrey Hotel

VoIP Security, Steve Guthrie:

Voice-Over IP technology is prevalent, powerful, and dynamic. Steve will discuss VoIP risks and control.

Last Meeting

Mark Martin (not the race car driver) spoke on business continuity planning, emphasizing the importance of management support and participation, leveraging existing frameworks, and delivering clear results which enable effective risk management.

Chapter survey results were presented with plans to incorporate feedback into future activities, and members confirmed changes to our Board personnel and positions, which you can find below.

Annual Seminar

The annual seminar is planned to be held on February 7 - 8, 2012. This is our biggest event and the one which offers the most CPE.

This year, we are planning to extend the hours offered from 8 to 12, based on feedback from our members. Further details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, we hope you will plan to join us, and provide us more suggestions on how to improve the seminar.

Updates to Chapter Media

Several changes have been made to our chapter media outlets in an effort to communicate better with our members and provide more members services. Whether you surf, email, connect, or tweet, join the conversation!

Website - www.bhamisaca.com

The chapter website has been updated with new graphics, a new job posting section, and more information about our chapter. Find out about chapter events, certifications, and more, or contact us via email to bhamisaca@gmail.com.

LinkedIn

A new LinkedIn Group, ISACA Birmingham Chapter, has been created for chapter communications, member discussions, job postings, and more.

Twitter - [@bhamisaca](https://twitter.com/bhamisaca)

A new Twitter account, @bhamisaca, has been created to facilitate chapter event communications and member discussions.

Membership Recognition

Congratulations to members who recently obtained certifications:

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Are You Ready for an unexpected Job Interview?

Interview opportunities can present themselves at any time. For example, through unplanned internal job openings, recruiter calls, or former colleagues introducing you to a hiring manager. To know if your skills are sharp enough to handle a surprise interview, see if you can answer the following three questions:

1. Can you concisely state your value proposition in 30 seconds or less?

A concise value proposition can make a critical difference in winning you a new position.

2. Do you know your top five accomplishments, and can you communicate their impact to your employer's bottom-line initiatives?

Accomplishments give employers a way to associate your skills with their needs—and a reason to remember you.

3. Are you prepared to answer your own toughest interview questions, or do you hope they just won't come up? Think about the questions that will be your biggest pitfalls—and be prepared to answer them.

With those answers in hand, you'll be ready for the unplanned interview so that you take your career from mediocre to marvelous with "always-ready" interview skills.

Deborah Walker, Certified Career Management Coach

Read more career tips and see sample resumes at: www.AlphaAdvantage.com

ISACA News & Notes

October 14th is the final registration date for the December 2011 CISA, CISM, CGEIT and CRISC exams. [Register at the ISACA site.](#)

Recent ISACA publications from the [ISACA Knowledge Center](#) include the following:

[IT Control Objectives for Cloud Computing: Controls and Assurance in the Cloud](#)

[COBIT Process Assessment Model \(PAM\)](#)

[Business Continuity Management Audit/ Assurance Program](#)

[Web Application Security: Business and Risk Considerations](#)

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